

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended): A supporting apparatus for supporting an electric device in a car,

5 the supporting apparatus comprising:

 a plug having a front end and a rear end, the front end adapted for plugging into ever
~~which the front end of the plug being can be plugged into and fixed in~~ an
 electric socket of the car;

 a flexible steel tube being connected between having two ends fixed to the rear end
10 of the plug and the electric device separately;

 a plurality of flexible steel wire ropes being connected between each having two
 ends fixed to the rear end of the plug and the electric device separately, the
 plurality of steel wire ropes being positioned separately at two on different sides
 of the steel tube for strengthening the steel tube;

15 an L-shaped metal piece embedded in a plastic housing of the electric device
 wherein the L-shaped metal piece comprises a first plate and a second plate
 perpendicular to each other and the first plate comprises a plurality of holes for
 allowing one end of the steel tube and steel wire ropes to pass through and
 embed in the plastic housing of the electric device; and

20 an electric wire installed in the steel tube for electrically connecting the electric
 device to the plug;

wherein when an user bends or rotates the supporting apparatus, the steel tube and
 steel wire ropes of the supporting apparatus are capable of being will be flexibly bent
 or rotated for adjusting the position of and the electric device will be approximately
 maintained at to the bent or rotated position.

2 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a plastic

cover ~~covered on~~ covering the steel tube and steel wire ropes for protecting the steel tube and steel wire ropes.

3 (original): The supporting apparatus of claim 2 wherein the plastic cover is made of
5 flexible plastic material and is formed directly outside the steel tube and steel wire ropes.

4 (cancelled).

10 5 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 comprising two steel wire ropes ~~symmetrically~~ installed at two sides of the steel tube for strengthening the steel tube.

15 6 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a rigid plastic head piece integrally built at one ~~ends~~ end of the steel tube and steel wire ropes near the plug for fastening the steel tube and steel wire ropes together.

7 (cancelled).

20 8 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1 further comprising a metal piece for fixing the steel tube and steel wire ropes to the second plate of the L-shaped metal piece ~~to prevent the steel tube and steel wire ropes from loosing~~.

9 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electric socket of the car is ~~also used for connecting~~ an electric cigarette lighter socket.

25 10 (currently amended): The supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein each of the steel wire ropes ~~comprises is formed by combining~~ a plurality of stainless steel wires joined together.